

# Spirit of Charity, Reverence Marks Duluth Yuletide

**D**ULUTHIANS observed Christmas day yesterday in a spirit of reverence and charity; thankfulness for the bounty that has been theirs during the year and helpful sympathy for those who have been less fortunate. The poor were not forgotten. Civic, fraternal and private organizations joined in spreading the cheer of Yuletide. Christian charity became a living reality. Santa Claus had many willing aides who helped make the day a memorable one for the poor, the sick and the unfortunate.

## Christmas Cheer Prevails.

The spirit of Christmas, "Peace on earth, good will to men," extended into the homes of the humble, into the churches, into hospitals where, wan sick faces lighted up with smiles, orphans' institutions which hundreds of little children call home, and even into jails and asylums where sadness was lightened by the sunshine of Christmas cheer.

The big observance of the day was the community celebration in the Armory where 2,000, mostly children, gathered. The American Legion band played and Mayor T. W. Hugo spoke briefly.

## Service Men Remembered.

Former service men in Duluth hospitals were cheered up by their buddies of the Duluth post of the American Legion, who brought them gifts, fought over again the funny side of the war, and helped pass the day in pleasant entertainment. Three former service men, in St. Mary's hospital, were showered with "smokes," candy and other presents at the conclusion of a joyful entertainment in the parlors of the hospital. Young women of the women's auxiliary, American Legion, also visited the hospitals and presented baskets of gifts and goodies to the wounded veterans.

Other patients in the hospitals also were provided entertainment. Those who were able to leave their beds were wheeled into gaze at the lighted Christmas tree and to share in the gifts.

Hundreds of baskets of food, contributed by churches and fraternal organizations were distributed among the poor of the city yesterday.

Services were held in most of Duluth churches with special Christmas music.

## Tots Made Happy.

At St. James orphanage, Woodland, 180 tots, bubbled over with joy at the Christmas entertainment yesterday afternoon. Bishop John T. McNicholas opened the ceremonies with a short address and a program of song and dance numbers followed, under supervision of Mrs. W. H. Magie, Miss E. Ferris and Miss Helen Kunody. Among those who helped entertain the children were Florence Clough, Joy Waste, Percill Copolovitch, Lenora Lavick, Hazel Blumenthal, Dorothy Norlin, Elizabeth Ames and the Druffell sisters. Presents which hung from a huge tree in the center of the parlor were distributed among the children.

The Christmas observance at the Children's home, Fifteenth avenue East and Second street, was held Friday and the children spent yesterday in joyful celebration over their gifts.

Prisoners at the county jail were given a bountiful dinner arranged by Sheriff Frank Magie. A Christmas tree was decorated and lighted in the evening. Many of the prisoners received gifts from friends. The happiest man in the jail was Louis Dondino, convicted of plotting in connection with the negro lynchings, who received a visit from his 13-year-old son, Raymond.